

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 15 is herein canceled. Applicants make no statement with respect to the propriety of the rejections of this claim and preserve the right to file a continuation application directed to the subject matter of this claim without prejudice.

No new matter is added to this application by entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 10-14 and 16-21 are active. These claims are allowed.

REMARKS

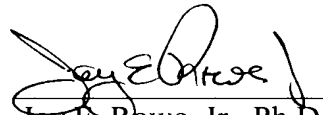
Applicants wish to thank Examiner Manoharin for the indication that Claims 10-14 and 16-21 are allowed.

Claim 15 is herein canceled. Therefore the rejection of Claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, the provisional rejection of Claim 15 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, the rejection of Claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Bohner et al. (U.S. 7,132,038) and the objection to the drawing under 37 CFR 1.83(a) are moot. Withdrawal of each of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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